

THE COUNTY COMMISSION  
OF  
STONE COUNTY, MISSOURI  
January 20, 2026

STATE OF MISSOURI |  
COUNTY OF STONE |

Be it remembered that a session of the County Commission of Stone County was held in the courthouse at Galena, on January 20, 2026. Those in attendance today were Presiding Commissioner Gordon Weathers, Southern Commissioner Hank Smythe and Northern Commissioner Wayne Blades.

**9:00 AM**

**Spyglass – discuss communications audit via teleconference**

Rescheduled for a later date

**10:00 AM**

Presiding Commissioner Gordon Weather opened the meeting with a pledge of allegiance. Following the pledge. Following the pledge, Northern Commissioner Wayne Blades led the meeting in prayer. Those that were in attendance were: Joy Wilson, Planning and Zoning Director; Amy Larson, Recorder; Earl Johnson, IT; Kevin Smart; Jerry Harman, H2Ozark; Carin Love, H2Ozarks; Melinda Ingram, Stone County Child Advocacy Center; Anna Burk, Collector; Sheriff Doug Rader, Stone County Sheriff's Office; Kristi Stephens, Treasurer; Pam Burnett, Health Department; Carrie Padilla, Health Department; Matt Daugherty, Assessor; County Counsel William McCullah; Denise Dickens, Stone County Clerk and Amanda Parton, Stone County Clerk's Office.

**Approval of Commission Minutes**

The matter to approve the minutes for Stone County Commission meetings dated January 15, 2026, was brought to decision by a roll call vote: Weathers – yes; Smythe – yes; Blades – yes. Minutes ordered approved.

**Schedule of Bills - 1**

Presiding Commissioner Gordon Weathers presented a schedule of bills that have been submitted to the County Commission from the County Clerk's office in the amount of \$257,193.89. This matter to accept the bills for payment was brought to a decision by a roll call vote: Smythe – yes; Blades -absent; Weathers – yes. Order to pay carried.

**Child Advocacy – yearly update**

Melinda Ingram came before the Commission to give a yearly update on the Stone County Child Advocacy Center. Discussion Only.

**H2Ozarks – yearly update**

Carin Love and Jerry Harman, came before the Commission to give a yearly update on H2Ozarks. Discussion Only.

**Opioid Committee – report and proposals**

Carrie Padilla and Pam Burnett came before the Commission give an update on the opioid crisis and how the committee is assisting. Discussion Only.

**2026 Informal Budget Hearing**

County Commissioners discussed the 2026 proposed budget allowing time for public discussion. The 2026 Formal Budget Hearing will be held on Thursday, January 22, 2026 at 10:00 AM. All budget hearings are held on the third floor of the Historic Stone County Courthouse. The public is invited to attend.

**Public Time:**

Time was extended to anyone who wanted to speak to the commission at this time.

**Announcements**

**Recess Time: 10:53 AM**

**Adjournment:** The adjournment of the Stone County Commission meeting was brought to decision by roll call vote: Blades – yes; Smythe-yes; Weathers – yes. Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM